

<b>Figure 35: Summary of Strategic Actions Promoting Alternatives</b>		
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Priority</b>
<b>1. Use land use planning to more effectively guide development away from Corridor priority areas.</b>	<b>NCC, KCD, KCM</b>	<b>High</b>
<i>Action Steps:</i>		
Seek DOSPC assistance to facilitate/coordinate a comprehensive, 3-County look at build-out for the Corridor, how it would look under current planning, and what changes are needed in order to achieve the desired result, as part of next comprehensive plan development.	NCC, KCD	2005
Conduct public debates/forums addressing TDR issues as part of the comprehensive planning process (seek DOSPC Liveable Delaware grant funds for forums); use to explore how to make TDR more effective at protecting Corridor priorities by removing disincentives, improving incentives, and/or more clearly designating sending and receiving areas. (In coordination with prior action step.)	Counties and communities	
Explore ways to create/strengthen/coordinate/maintain, forest removal restrictions, riparian area protections, and clustering provisions to provide maximum protection of Corridor priority areas, while not penalizing landowners for restoration efforts (such as subjecting forested areas to clearing restrictions.)	Counties	
Explore the possibility of a forestry mitigation/bank program in the Corridor to replace destroyed forests with recreation or protection of forests in priority areas. (Use Pennsylvania wetlands mitigation program as a model.)	DDAF, Landowners	
<b>2. Explore mechanisms for preserving rural and scenic character of the Corridor through better infrastructure planning.</b>	<b>DOSPC</b>	<b>High</b>
<i>Action Steps:</i>		
Designate the Corridor (especially priority areas) as an area for no infrastructure growth.	DOSPC, DOT	2005
Identify key connectors, trails, shoulders in the Corridor and explore the use of Transportation Enhancement funds to help provide additional recreational access and safe transportation alternatives there.	Greenways, DOT	
Complete Route 9 scenic designation and explore possibilities for a scenic roadway designation in the western portion of the Corridor.	Greenways, DOT	
<b>3. To help keep farms in the Corridor, provide technical information/assistance to farmers (for example, on higher value crops, how to construct a business plan, alternative and renewable energy crops, and/or retail opportunities and niche markets for small farmers).</b>	<b>DDA, CE</b>	<b>High</b>
<i>Action Steps:</i>		
Conduct a study/survey of the niche markets for small farmers; use as a way to build DEDO capacity/understanding of the economic development needs of the changing local agricultural industry; conduct outreach to disseminate results useful small farmers in the Corridor; utilize DEDO and Tourism office advertising resources.	DDA	2005 and beyond
Develop and publicize incentives for attracting small farmers to the Corridor; utilize DEDO and Tourism office advertising resources.	DDA	
Compile and disseminate information on the small business assistance available to farmers.	CE, Land-owners	
Create new direct marketing opportunities for Corridor farmers (or connect them to existing ones); build on past efforts of towns like Smyrna to connect local businesses/towns with local farmers and craftspeople; focus/tailor existing programs/efforts on the Corridor and avoid duplication	DDA, CF, landowners	
Present models/venues for direct retail opportunities and niche markets in a workshop in the Corridor.	DDA, CF, landowners	
<b>4. To maintain the quality of streams and wetlands, find ways to minimize impervious coverage through alternative design, pervious surfacing and on-site mitigation (filter strips, buffers, etc.) where impervious surfacing is unavoidable.</b>	<b>DNERR</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<i>Action Steps:</i>		
Identify and employ ways to encourage the incorporation of mobility-friendly design standards in new developments whenever possible, by removing disincentives or adding incentives.	DDOT, NCC, DHBA	
Educate the Fire Marshall, other emergency services, and the public on the importance of minimizing paved roadways; develop and pilot a program for demonstrating and educating developers and landowners on the alternatives.	DNERR, DHBA, DDOT, landowners	
Explore opportunities to include non-impervious incentives in any new storm water control efforts (such as the development of storm water utilities), including incentives for minimizing pervious, employing pervious alternatives, and/or removing impervious.	DNRECSW, land-owners	
<b>5. Utilize county comprehensive plans to attract agriculture and resource-based business to the Corridor.</b>	<b>NCC, KCD</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<i>Action Steps:</i>		
Work with DDA and DEDO (first action step in strategy 3. above) to develop new and creative ways to include agriculture and resource-based industries in the economic development goals/plans.	NCC, KCD	
NCC: New Castle County, Delaware	CE: Cooperative Extension	
KCD: Kent County, Delaware	DNERR: Delaware Estuarine National Research Reserve	
KCM: Kent County, Maryland	DHBA: Delaware Homebuilders Association	
DDAF: Delaware Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service	DNRECSW: DNREC Soil and Water Conservation	
DOSPC: Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination	CF: Chesapeake Fields, Inc.	
DOT: Delaware Department of Transportation		
DDA: Delaware Department of Agriculture Firestry & Ag Pres		